

Burji language

Burji language (alternate names: *Bembala*, *Bambala*, *Daashi*) is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken by the Burji people who reside in Ethiopia south of Lake Chamo. There are over 46,000 speakers in Ethiopia, and a further 10,400 speakers in Kenya. Burji belongs to the Highland East Cushitic group of the Cushitic branch of the Afro-Asiatic family.^[1]

The language has the SOV (subject–object–verb) word order common to the Cushitic family. The verb morphology distinguishes passive and middle grammatical voice, as well as causative. Verbal suffixes mark the person, number, and gender of the subject.

The New Testament was published in the Burji language in 1993. A collection of Burji proverbs, translated into English, French, and Swahili, is available on the Web.^[3]

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Burji	
Native to	Ethiopia, Kenya
Region	South of Lake Chamo
Native speakers	70,000 (2007 & 2009 censuses) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic - Cushitic - Highland East Burji
Writing system	Ethiopic
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bji
Glottolog	burj1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/burj1242) ^[2]

Numerals 1-1000

- 1. *micha*
- 2. *lama*
- 3. *fadiya*
- 4. *foola*
- 5. *umutta*
- 6. *liya*
- 7. *lamala*
- 8. *hiditta*
- 9. *wonfa*
- 10. *tanna*
- 11. Tannaya micha
- 12. Tannaya lama
- 13. Tannaya fadiya
- 14. Tannaya foola
- 15. Tannaya umutta
- 16. Tannaya liya

- 17. Tannaya lamala
- 18. Tannaya hiditta
- 19. Tannaya wonfa
- 20. Lamattann
- 30. Fadiitann
- 40. Foolattan
- 50. Umuttan
- 60. Liittan
- 70. Lamalattan
- 80. Hidittan
- 90. Wonfattan
- 100. Ch'ibba.
- 1,000. Kuma

Notes

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- World Atlas of Language Structures information on Burji (http://wals.info/languoid/lect/wals_code_brj)

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